

REMARKS

Claims 3-13, 15 and 16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended and new claims 15 and 16 are added. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 1, 2 and 14 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the specification and claim 1 for informalities. The specification has been amended to obviate the objection. Claim 1 has been canceled, and therefore, the objection to the claim is moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

The Office Action rejects claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for failing to claim statutory subject matter. Claim 14 has been canceled, and therefore, the rejection to the claim is now moot.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0170973 to Teraura. Applicants respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Office Action asserts that Teraura teaches all the features recited in the independent claims. However, Teraura does not teach an image reading apparatus including at least displaying "on a user interface, selection information that encourages an operation for selecting the plurality of additional image information data read by the data reading unit" and outputting "the additional image information data for which the selection was instructed and the original image read by the image reading unit through the use of the output unit," as recited in new claim 15 and similarly in claim 16.

Teraura, in Fig. 7 and steps B7 and B8, teaches a display screen for entering an ID number and printing a character image when the ID number is inputted. Further, Teraura

teaches that that data is not written in the RFID of the output paper, but instead, Teraura converts information read from the RFID into an image outputting it together with an original image. However, Teraura does not teach "outputting the additional image information data for which the selection was instructed and the original image read by the image reading unit through the use of the output unit," as recited in claims 15 and 16.

For at least the reasons above, Teraura cannot reasonably be considered to teach, nor would have suggested, the combinations of all the features recited in at least independent claims 13, 15 and 16. Further, claims 2-12 would also not have been suggested by the applied reference for at least the respective dependency of these claims on allowable independent claim 16, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-13, 15 and 16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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